

be willing in any respect to take the back track. New York City is not yet the New Jerusalem, but it is waxing towards it.

"While we are fighting Tammany we must not forget that the enemy who is an essential ally of Tammany is the spirit of bossism—familiarly known as Plattism.

Boss Rule Must be Torn Up.

"It is immaterial whether our officials are Tammany or anti-Tammany. The entire system of boss rule must be torn up root and branch. In order that what may be done we must conscientiously avoid slavishness to positions of official trust any man of whatever political complexion who will consent to serve a boss.

"The existence of tools as much as the existence of bosses is a disgrace to American citizenship."

Asked if he would support local option for New York City, Dr. Parkhurst replied:

"Yes, but there are certain things that are transparently evil, and those I will fight at any sacrifice. There are certain men honest and intelligent whose opinions must command respect.

"I have never yet opposed such men. I don't care to align myself with any body of conscientious and intelligent men against another.

Will Fight Blackmail and Bossism.

"In regard to such matters as blackmail and bossism in whatever form it is presented or under whatever pretense it is carried on, I am frank to say that I will devote my efforts and all my energy to kill it without compensation.

"To build up such things as bosses and institutions for blackmail among young American citizens and with their aid is beneath the image of man, when it is to be used by Tom Platt or any other Tom."

The doctor said he was astonished at the sweeping victory of Platt in the New York City primaries and at the almost absolute control of the State Convention.

"I cannot account for it," he said. "I did not anticipate such a result and was greatly disappointed. What influences contributed to the result I am not prepared to state until I have studied it all over."

"Do you believe, Doctor, that Tammany Hall can be beaten at the Fall election without a combination ticket?"

Must Combine to Beat Tammany.

"No, sir; most emphatically, I do not."

"There should be a combination ticket,

and either positive opposition or negative indifference to that proposition is in the nature of municipal treason."

"Are you satisfied with the present municipal administration?" was asked.

"Well," said the Doctor, knitting his brows, "this has been a great year for the city of New York, and any man is a fool and any man with common sense a knave who fails to exercise to the utmost his powers to secure the continuance of the system now in force."

"We have had a year of anti-Tammany administration. There are many things that I would like to have seen done differently. Some appointments I would like to have been different, and there were certain acts by those in the administration that we could not certainly approve.

Likes This Administration.

"At the same time the entire moral complexion of the administration of our city has changed and immeasurably for the better."

Concerning the chances of Tammany Hall for success in the event of a combination ticket, the Doctor said:

"Tammany has not the perquisites she had. Her official Charities Bureau is in the hands of a receiver. She can't render any pledges of patronage. Her organizing power of bonds is gone, and her unity is not ideal. She is in a sort of subjective poverty of official position which would work detrimentally to any organization which has depended upon the resources she has for power and strength."

The Doctor said he would steadfastly refuse to discuss the details of the excise question and shook his head when asked for an opinion of the excise plan in the Republican daily.

"I do want to emphasize one thing," said the Doctor, "and that is—'

"Any man who hesitates to come into a combination against Tammany Hall squintes in the direction of an alliance with Tammany."

For Local Option and Home Rule.

"I also want to say that the excise question should be relegated to the armchair, and not to the pulpit or the words, to the will of the people. The obligation should be saddled upon the people."

The Doctor would heartily welcome any legislation at Albany that looks in the direction of local option and home rule."

The Doctor said he had studied the general situation for the last two years in New York City and had come to the conclusion that excise laws that worked the most satisfactorily in Berlin and Hamburg did not work here.

"They have not that feeling of those brought up under New England or German conditions, and when they do not like conditions there would not be any. We are not yet prepared to make sacrifices of our American and Christian Sabbath and the six days of the week."

Criticizes Senator Lexow.

Concerning the failure of the attempt to endow the Police Commissioners with power to dismiss without appeal corrupt men from the police force, the Doctor said:

"If Lexow and men like him had jumped to the front and been more regardless of the interests of the people, then the police would have had political influence. It must have been different."

The Doctor denounced Lexow in unmeasured terms, declaring that he should be compelled to pay the price.

The Doctor said he had indulged in a great deal of bicycling and mountain climbing, and that the Doctor's time off was spent on the bicycle. He had been in Switzerland, in Kitzbühel, the Doctor said he was very fond of bicycling and that he had several times pedaled around Lake Geneva and Berne.

Assassins Placed on Trial.

The trial commenced yesterday before Justice J. M. Palmer, of the Court of Appeals, in some cases will be suspended because of the absence of witnesses.

Chief Justice Parker, of the Court of Appeals, and the Hon. George W. Woodward, of the Court of Appeals, presided over the trial.

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The trial was adjourned to January 10, when the Court of Appeals will be in session.

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